

### REMARKS

Upon entry of the aforementioned amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-16 will be pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims are allowable.

#### *Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. § 102*

Claims 3 and 17 are rejected as being anticipated by Mugiya (US 5,841,942). Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection is moot because claims 3 and 17 have been canceled.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants await allowance of the application. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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